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1. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY ENJOY SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS DIPLOMATIC STAFF (EXEMPTION FROM ALL PERSONAL TAXES, CUSTOMS DUTIES, VEHICLE OR RADIO/TV REGISTRATION FEES, ETC.). ONLY DISTINCTION IS THAT NONDIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL RECEIVE GN OR BN AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES RATHER THAN CD PLATES AND A DIFFERENT COLOR IDENTITY CARD. ALL PERSONNEL HERE PAY VALUE ADDED TAXES, BUT ALL MAY APPLY FOR REFUNDS FOR TAXES ON ITEMS WHICH ARE CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES.

2. IT IS BASIC NETHERLANDS' POLICY NOT RPT NOT TO ALLOW PERSONNEL STATIONED OUTSIDE THE HAGUE TO BE ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY AS DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, IN THE CASE OF NONDIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS, ON OCCASION, IN THE PAST AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE. PRELIMINARY VIEW OF PROTOCOL SECTION
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OF MFA IS THAT GON COULD AGREE TO POSSIBILITY OF ATTACHING F-16

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PERSONNEL TO EMBASSY, AND PROVIDING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL PRACTICE, PROVIDED RECIPROCAL TREATMENT GRANTED TO NETHERLANDS PERSONNEL IN THE US. PROTOCOL DID ASK IF US PERSONNEL WILL BE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THIS POINT, AND OTHERS RAISED IN PARA 2 OF REF A.

3. SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO ATTACH F-16 PERSONNEL TO EMBASSY AND HAVE DUTCH DO SAME WITH THEIR PERSONNEL IN US, WE CANNOT SEE HOW NATO SOFA COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ABILITY TO PERFORM MISSION.
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